Year	Important Development/Improvements made in rail services
1989	(1) A daily express train between Katihar and Delhi from 1-5-89.
	(2) 945/946 Guwahati-Dadar express will be accelerated from May, 1989.
	(3) Number of sleeper coaches between Katihar and Sealdal is being increased from May, 1989.
	(4) Metre Gauge line from Balipara extended upto Gamar,
	(5) 45/46 Capital express between Katihar and Danapur being dieselised from May, 1989.
	(6) All Passenger trains between Katihar-Malda will be dieselised.

Criteria/guidelines for selection of members of Railway users' consultative committees

3251. SHRI JERLIE E. TARIANG: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the criteria/guidelines adopted by Government for selecting members of Railway Users' Consultative Committee at Divisional, Zonal and National level;

(b) what are the details of functions of the said Committee and the composition of Z.R.U.C.C. for North-East Frontier Railway and that of D.R.U.C.C. for its Tinsukia Division stating the respective interests represented;

(c) what are the details of privileges/facilities and other powers enjoyed by members of these committees, level-wise, and the period upto which the present Z.R.U.C.C. for N. F. Railways and the present D.R.U.C.C. for Tinsukia Division would function; and

(d) what are the details of meetings held so far by the said Z.R.U.C.C and D.R.U.C.C. alongwith the recomendations made by them and those implemented by Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAV RAO SCINDIA): (a) Nomination of Members on the Divisional/Zonal Railway Users' Consultative Committees and on National Railway Users' Consultative Council is based on the principle of securing as wide a representation as is practicable of the various identifiable and important groups of rail users.

(b) These committees function as consultative bodies on matters pertaining to provision of passenger amenities, opening of new stations, catering and vending facilities and allied subjects. The composition of DRUCC, Tinsukia Division and ZRUCC, NF Railway alongwith the interests represented is furnished in the enclosed annexure. (*See* below).

(c) The term of the DRUCC, Tinsukia is from 1-9-88 to 31-8-90 and that of ZRUCC, NF Railway is from 1-11-88 to 31-10-90. The Members of these Committees/Council are given free passes for attending meetings in connection with Committees/Council's work and Travelling/Daily allowance as per rules in force from time to time. The suggestions of these Committees/Council are recommendatory.

(d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Annexure

Composition of DRUCC, Tinsukia Division N.F. Railway

1. Members of Parliament	2
2. Members of State Legislatures	3
3. Representatives of State Governments	3
4. Representatives of Chambers of Commerce & Industry	6
5. Representatives of Registered Passengers' Associations	1
6. Persons nominated under Special Interests	9

Composition of ZRUCC, N.F. Railway

1. Members of Parliament	3
2. Members of State Legislatures	10
3. Representatives of State Governments	10
4. Representatives of Chambers of Commerce & Industry	5
5. Representatives of Registered Passengers' Associations	2
6. Representatives of Agricultural Interests	2
7. Elected Representatives of DRUCCs	4
8. Representative of Public Sector Undertaking	1
9. Persons nominated under Special Interests	11

Criteria for appointment of Indian Airlines agent at Dibrugarh

3252. SHRI JERLIE E. TARIANG: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 834 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 1st March, 1989 and state:

(a) what is the criteria/guidelines adopted by Indian Airlines in appointing M/s. Ranglal as its passengers agent at Dibrugarh;

(b) whether one of the applicant for booking agency M/s. Gee Enn Enterprises Private Ltd. had applied for the same long back and have been pursuing the matter with Indian Airlines from time to time;

(c) whether Indian Airlines assured the said application for consideration of its case as and when such appointments are considered in due course and whether the then Minister had also assured in March, 1986 consideration of its case at an appropriate time in future;

(d) if so, whether the said case was considered by Indian Airlines while deciding the matter and the outcome thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor and whether Indian Airline proposes to review its decison

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PAL): (a) M/s. Ranglal were appointed as passenger sales agents of Indian Airlines at Dibrugarh because they were (i) the only agency having some experience (ii) an approved ticketing and handling agent of Vayudoot (iii) known in the market.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) As a matter of policy, Indian Airlines keeps agency applications on record and consideres each of them on merit at the appropriate time.

(d) and (e) The case of M/s. Gee Engg. Enterprises Pvt. Ltd. was considered alongwith other applicants, but keeping in view the commercial needs Indian Airlines decided to appoint only one agent, namely M/s. Ranglal. Besides, Indian Airlines has its full-fledged office in Dibrugarh to look after the Airlines' interest. Should the need to enhance the number of Agents arise, all applications received by Indian Airlines will be considered.